

Appl. No. 09/681,855
Amdt. dated April 18, 2005
Reply to Advisory Action of March 29, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

5 Claims 1, 3, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Faltermeier et al. (US 5,712,725) in view of Lo (US 5,699,083) for reasons stated in the final office action dated January 19, 2005.

Response:

10 The applicant has amended claim 1, as shown above, to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the combination of Faltermeier and Lo. Claim 1 now contains the limitation that the rollable device is "adapted to control scrolling of a window shown on the display device when rotated by a user". This limitation is added to differentiate the rollable device of the claimed invention from the wheel 17 of Lo and the rotational transducer 3 of Faltermeier, as will be explained in greater detail below.

15 In the amended claim 1, the pointing unit generates pointing signals for controlling the cursor, and the light source illuminates the rollable device for presenting an illumination mode. On the other hand, Lo's light source 29 illuminates the wheel 17 for creating signals that control the cursor. Therefore, since Lo's wheel 20 17 is not used for controlling scrolling of a window, and serves a different purpose from the rollable device of claim 1, Lo's light source 29 and wheel 17 are not analogous to and should not be compared to the light source and rollable device recited in the amended claim 1.

25 The examiner states in the above-indicated Advisory Action that the control unit recited in claim 1 is taught by Lo. However, Lo's cursor control device only provides a cursor control signal, and it cannot be said that Lo's cursor control device

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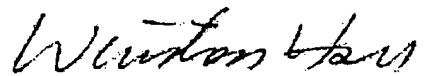
“controls the light source to determine an illumination mode of the rollable device according to the state signal”, as is recited in the amended claim 1.

5 Although Lo's light source 29 illuminates the wheel 17, the wheel 17 does not control scrolling of a window, as does the rollable device recited in claim 1. Lo's control unit also does not determine an illumination mode of the wheel according to the state signal of the computer.

10 For each of the reasons described above, the applicant submits that the currently amended claim 1 is patentably distinct from Faltermeier and Lo, either alone or in combination. Claims 2-22 are dependent on the amended claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-22 is respectfully requested. The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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